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ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced the appointment of a new Chief of the Office's Criminal Division and the impending departure of the current Chief.

CELESTE L. KOELEVELD, currently Chief of the Appeals Unit, will lead the Criminal Division upon the departure of KAREN PATTON SEYMOUR at the end of this month.

Ms. KOELEVELD, who joined the Office in October 1991, earlier served in the Narcotics and Organized Crime Units, was Chief of the General Crimes Unit and a Deputy Appellate Chief. She was also a Clerk for former United States District Judge Kenneth Conboy in the Southern District. Ms. KOELEVELD is a 1989 graduate of the Columbia University School of Law.

Ms. SEYMOUR, who was named Chief of the Criminal Division by then-United States Attorney JAMES B. COMEY in January 2002, is returning to a position as a Partner at the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, the position she held prior to her

appointment. Ms. SEYMOUR earlier served in the United States Attorney's Office from 1990 to 1996, where she was Deputy Chief of Narcotics and Chief of General Crimes. She is a 1986 graduate of the University of Texas Law School.

The Criminal Division is comprised of some 160 Assistant United States Attorneys and their support staff.

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